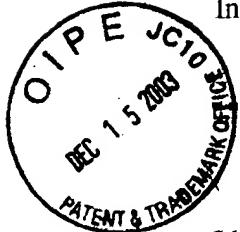


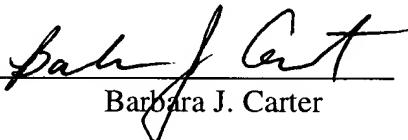
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Appl. No: 09/600,566 Examiner: Irene Marx
International Filing Date: February 17, 1999 Docket No.: 2260/103
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RESPONSE F

Dear Sir:

Applicants would like to express appreciation for the telephone call of December 8, 2003, and the opportunity to discuss the term "having limited miscibility or solubility with water" in claim 24, among others. Per that telephone conversation, and two subsequent conversations on December 9 and 10, 2003, Applicants ask that the following amendments be entered.

Amendments to the Claims begins on p. 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Specification begin on p. 10 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on p. 12 of this paper.

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PATENT

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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

1. Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application. Also enclosed is a "Declaration in Support of Incorporating Amendatory Material into the Text of the Application from Material Incorporated by Reference."

STATUS

2. Applicant is other than a small entity.

EXTENSION OF TERM

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply. Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

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FEE FOR CLAIMS

4. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

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INDEP.	5	-	6	=	0	x \$ 86.00	=	\$ 0.00
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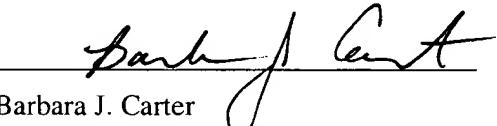
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FEE DEFICIENCY

5. An additional extension and/or fee is required, charge Account No. 19-4972.

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